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ODD FELLOWS' EXCURSION.

Many Roswell Members Participate in Festivities at Carlsbad.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who journeyed to Jericho by special train Sunday are convinced that the Good Samaritans have nearly all moved to Carlsbad and that there is no danger of falling among thieves anywhere along the route.

The travelers found Rebekah at the well and the tents of hospitality open to the stranger. To partake of a pinch of salt, eat a bit of bread, and drink a cup of sweet water in covenant with the Arabs of Carlsbad and cement with them an eternal friendship was the lesson of the day.

In plain newspaper talk, however, the various branches of the I. O. O. F. went from Roswell to Carlsbad Sunday to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the first Odd Fellows' temple in the Pecos Valley. Grand Master W. W. Ogle's presence was necessary as a law of the order, and the local lodge being proud of having a grand master in its membership naturally desired to give him as imposing an escort as possible. Accordingly the Patriarchs Militant, or uniformed Chevaliers, accompanied him in full force. Carlsbad Odd Fellows also had special reasons for desiring Mr. Ogle to dedicate their new temple, he having been a charter member of the Eddy lodge and for many years engaged in business at Carlsbad. Besides the Chevaliers there were about thirty representatives of other degrees from Roswell who attended the dedication and enjoyed the hospitality of the Carlsbad "inns." The Roswell band, whose leader and several of the oldest players are Odd Fellows, accompanied the excursion at the expense of Eddy Lodge No. 21; and Elder C. C. Hill, of Roswell, Past Grand Master of the Missouri jurisdiction as orator of the day did not have to be shown the way—in fact he went down the day before and had become so well acquainted over night that the Carlsbad brethren had put him on the reception committee, and he was the first man to greet the Roswell members as they left the train. Along the route eighteen members were picked up at Hagerman, twenty-five at Artesia, and a few at some of the smaller towns, so that the total number of visiting members of the order was about one hundred and fifty.

Dr. Bearup, of Carlsbad, Grand Marshal of the Territorial Grand Lodge, had met the special train at Hagerman, provided the excursionists with guest badges and explained the program to them, so that there should be no confusion or delay in the proceedings.

Upon the arrival of the train, the entire membership of Eddy Lodge No. 21 as a reception committee greeted the brethren, and with the plumed Chevaliers and the band as escort for the Grand officers, followed by members of the Encampment, the Subordinate Lodge and Rebekah degree, marched to Grace Episcopal church, where a special religious service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Marshall, the rector. The sermon placed the great fraternal orders, Masons and Odd Fellows, in the position of auxiliaries of the church in doing works of benevolence and charity, and not as competitors nor as opponents of Christianity. The text was, "I appeal to you men, because you are strong." This is a slight variation from the Scriptural text, and the minister's sermon was a decided variation from the stereotyped homily that one sometimes hears when the preacher is too tired to put real earnest thought into his work—or is too lazy, or incapable, or has not the courage to speak upon themes of manhood and good citizenship. The minister referred to the fact that a man could not be an Odd Fellow or a Mason and a drunkard or a gambler—a man must be decent to belong to any of the great fraternal orders. He congratulated the strong men present upon the fact that many of them were from a town that had cleaned out the "green cloth fraternity,"—not that he had anything to say against the men engaged in legalized gambling, but that the business was immoral, degrading and destructive to the very foundations of civilized society,—and he appealed to strong men to stand for the protection of the homes of their neighbors as well as their own, until the traffic in virtue and honor and manhood was driven from our beloved Territory. The schools were the basis of good citizenship—and rather than have them dependent upon a gambling license tax it were better, and we could well afford to get along without the schools than expose our

children to gambling and its attendant vices and crimes. We must have schools—WILL have them—and are willing to pay for them. Out with the cowardly notion that the progress and advancement of education, society and civilization is dependent upon the return of a pittance of the spoils of the robber business which earns nothing and exists only as a parasite and destroyer.

He was glad to greet the man whom the Odd Fellows had chosen as orator of the day, both as a minister and as a man who had taken a prominent part in cleaning out the dens of vice in Roswell.

The special music of the service was finely rendered and appropriate, and we quote a stanza as characteristic:

"From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well fought day."

After the church service, the Odd Fellows marched to the lodge room, where Col. D. G. Grantham made a brief talk in which the word "dinner" was prominent. To avoid crowding, some were sent to the Schlitz, some to the Texas Hotel, some to the Legal Tender restaurant, and elsewhere, and all the visitors were told to pay for nothing. It was the same at supper time.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone occurred at three o'clock in the afternoon. The Roswell band in the meantime had given a brief concert in front of the Schlitz Hotel and an immense assemblage had gathered.

The new temple is adjacent to the Schlitz, on Mermod street, directly across the street south from the court house. The structure, already partially completed, is of brick, 50x90 feet, and will be two stories high. There will be two store rooms on the ground floor, and the lodge hall with ante-rooms, wardrobe, etc., will occupy the entire upper story. The estimated cost of the building is \$11,000. Eddy Lodge No. 21 has 85 members, and there must be some good business men among them, for the money to build the new temple was accumulated from an original investment of six hundred dollars in Carlsbad real estate. It is figured, too, that the store rooms of the new building will rent for \$75 each, so that the temple is not being built merely for show. By the way, the Masons of Carlsbad have also recently finished a fine temple facing on the court house square on the east.

In the ceremony of laying the corner stone, Grand Master Ogle and Grand Marshal Bearup acted in the positions which they hold in the Territorial Grand Lodge. The other members acting as such officers for the day only, were: J. W. Armstrong, of Carlsbad, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. C. M. Yater, of Roswell, Grand Warden; Major Mark Howell, Roswell, Grand Treasurer; J. B. Leck, of Carlsbad, Grand Secretary; Rev. Mr. Gage, of Artesia, Grand Chaplain.

With the prescribed ceremonies, the following articles were deposited in the box, which may be uncovered years from now as the building is being torn down to make room for a steel-framed sky-scraper:

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The whole proceeding was impressive, but perhaps unnecessary to describe in detail. The music played by the Roswell band as a part of the dedicatory service was as follows:

America.
The American Hymn.
Peyel's Hymn.
Adeste Fidelis.

The address of the day was delivered from a platform in front of the temple by Elder C. C. Hill of Roswell. There must have been fully three thousand people filling the street and overflowing back upon the court house lawn, and all of them remained, giving the closest possible attention to the words of the speaker, who made himself heard to the outermost limit of the vast audience. Our notes are mixed, so that we cannot guarantee the order in which Elder Hill referred to the points noticed; but as a whole the effect of the address may be well illustrated by stating the fact that three prominent business men of Carlsbad who had long been holding out against joining the order, after hearing the speech, went at once to the secretary of Eddy Lodge and asked for application blanks.

Among other things, Elder Hill stated that after an unfortunate misunderstanding between the business men of Carlsbad and Roswell, members of the Odd Fellows and Masons had done much toward healing the breach,—such men as Captain Poe and Colonel Ballard who had lent their aid when Carlsbad was in distress in securing government action in repairing the irrigation works. He spoke also of the aid that Carlsbad Odd Fellows had rendered in securing the location of the home for Widows and Orphans and Indigent Odd Fellows at Roswell. Seeing that they could not secure the home themselves the Carlsbad representatives had come to the help of Roswell so that it might at least not be lost to the Pecos Valley. He told them that the land had already been secured, with water, etc., and said that soon New Mexico Odd Fellows would have at Roswell a home to be proud of. The speaker dwelt briefly on the history of the order. He referred to it as a moral institution, and a handmaiden of the church, doing a work which the church could not do. He congratulated Eddy Lodge on erecting the first Odd Fellows' temple in the Pecos Valley. He believed that every young man should join one or two good orders, besides joining the church of his choice,—but don't be a "jiner," don't join everything that comes along. The objection to the secret work of the order was effectually disposed of on the ground of its necessity as a protection against impostors. He closed by expressing on behalf of the visitors their appreciation of the hospitality shown by the people of Carlsbad, and a beautiful tribute in F. L. & T.

Elder Hill at night also preached at a union open air meeting participated in by all the Protestant churches of Carlsbad.

Most of the Roswell people came home on the Sunday evening special train. The band remained over night. In the evening gave a second concert in front of the Schlitz Hotel,—and if you want to know what kind of people they have at Carlsbad, ask any of the band boys. Carlsbad people are all right. They appreciate music, and for good old-fashioned Southern hospitality no town in the Territory can surpass them. It was necessary in order to complete the band to take along a few of the "Juniors," but under the leadership of Captain Jack Fletcher these juniors are becoming almost as proficient as some of the older ones. They are enthusiastic and practice more faithfully than some of the big fellows who already "know it all"—and they showed themselves able at Carlsbad to hold up their end of the entertainment with the best of them. The band was composed of the following members: Capt. Fletcher, Walter Moir, W. S. Smock, Haydn Croft, Verdi Croft, Christy Webb, Guy Smock, Glen Everman, Dick Bean, Stanley Norvell, Joe Decker, Huber Decker, Jesse Asenhest, Russell Bird and Roscoe Brown.

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